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### **ADA Implements Initiative for Land Preservation**

Livestock and Crop Conservation Grant Program Helping Preserve Arizona's Open Spaces

(Phoenix) – A rancher in northeastern Arizona will be able to increase grass and forbs production and restore approximately 2,500 acres of grassland and a farmer in central Arizona will be able to minimize soil erosion and control water loss through the installation of a well, pumping plant, and pipeline to be used to irrigate his farm. These ranchers and sixty-eight other farmers and ranchers will be able to install conservation projects that help preserve land in agricultural uses thanks to a grant received from the Livestock and Crop Conservation Grant Program. Through this grant, ranchers and farmers throughout Arizona have been awarded more than \$4 million to do conservation based projects on their land(s) to benefit the public and preserve open spaces.

The Livestock & Crop Conservation Grant Program (LCCGP) is a biannual grant created by the Arizona State Legislature to assist ranchers and farmers with the implementation of conservation projects that provide for the preservation of open space. The LCCGP is funded by the Livestock and Crop Conservation Fund, which receives monies through the Proposition 303 Growing Smarter Statute that was passed by public referendum in 1998.

#### Consider:

- On average, it is estimated that over an acre per hour of agricultural or non-urban land is converted to urban uses.
- More than **\$4.0 million** to be awarded this year alone.
- These funds can be used to match state and federal funds.

#### Statistics:

- 70 grants awarded (93 applications submitted)
- Total request for grant funds was over \$11.1 million
- Total funds awarded: \$4,448,738.49
- Total matching funds leveraged by LCCGP funding: \$3.84 million, which includes \$321,000 in state funds and \$3.52 million in federal funds
- Average grant award is \$63,553
- Many projects span multiple years (ranging 1-5 years)

#### Grantees:

• See attached Word document with complete outline.

For more information about the grant process and awards, visit http://www.azda.gov/Main/LiveCropGrantProgram.htm

## Arizona Department of Agriculture Livestock & Crop Conservation Grant Program Fiscal Year 2007 Funding Cycle

Ranch Name	Grant <u>Award</u>	County	Project Type
C6 Ranch	12,000.00	Santa Cruz	Water Development
M Bar K Ranch	125,000.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
Hopi Three Canyon Ranch	125,000.00	Apache, Navajo, Coconino	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
47 Ranch / Tornrose Farm	113,142.00	Cochise	Erosion Control & Water Development
Double Circle Ranch	125,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development
Four Drag & Seven Cross A Ranch	125,000.00	Greenlee	Erosion Control, Water Development & Fencing
M Diamond Ranch	26,100.00	Yavapai, Coconino	Fencing
Noland Ranch	125,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development & Fencing
Anchor Ranch	125,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development
Babbitt Ranches	125,000.00	Coconino	Grassland Restoration
DC Cattle Co, LLC	76,989.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
Menges Ranch	36,503.21	Greenlee	Water Development
Cane Springs Ranch	125,000.00	Mohave	Water Development
Tule Allotment	100,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development & Fencing
Magoffin Ranch	17,304.00	Cochise	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
Bar F Bar Ranch	69,885.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
+V Ranch	100,000.00	Gila	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
H-4 Ranch Allotment	100,000.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
WY Bar Ranch	100,000.00	Greenlee	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
A Diamond Ranch	61,320.00	Pinal	Fencing
Vaca Ranch	7,990.00	Santa Cruz	Water Development
Carlink Ranch	100,000.00	Pima	Water Development
Rancho de los Caballos	100,000.00	Cochise	Fencing
Filleman Ranch	100,000.00	Greenlee	Grassland Restoration & Fencing
Bonita Ranch, Inc.	97,777.00	Graham	Water Development & Fencing
Rose Tree Cattle Co, LLLP	83,575.00	Santa Cruz	Grassland Restoration & Water Development

Griffin Cattle Ranch	100,000.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
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Hansen Ranch	55,000.00	Navajo	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
Quarter Circle U Ranch	77,600.00	Navajo, Apache	Grassland Restoration
Powder River Ranch	100,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development & Fencing
Hidden Valley Ranch	75,000.00	Yuma	Water Development
Dry Camp Ranch	49,020.00	Graham	Water Development & Fencing
Lazy S Ranch	38,484.00	Cochise, Graham	Grassland Restoration, Water Development & Fencing
Y Bar D Ranch	75,000.00	Yavapai	Water Development & Fencing
Flying H Ranch	52,122.00	Gila	Water Development
O Bar O Cattle Co	75,000.00	Graham	Grassland Restoration, Water Development & Fencing
Love Lake Ranch	10,488.00	Navajo	Grassland Restoration
Carlisle Ranch	28,435.00	Navajo	Grassland Restoration, Water Development & Fencing
L Lazy E Ranch	56,753.00	Cochise	Water Development & Fencing
GKJ Farms, LLC	20,926.00	Maricopa	Water Development
Martin Ranch, Inc	5,000.00	Pinal	Water Development
Almida Land & Cattle Co, LLC	14,500.00	Yavapai, Coconino	Water Development
Ellsworth Ranches	25,754.75	Navajo	Water Development
Date Creek Ranch	50,935.00	Yavapai	Fencing
Greenback Valley Ranch	75,000.00	Gila	Fencing
Double Bar R Ranch	75,000.00	Santa Cruz	Water Development
Stockton Pass Cattle Co	75,000.00	Graham	Grassland Restoration & Water Development
V Bar V Ranch	75,000.00	Pima	Water Development
Hook Open A Ranch	37,185.00	Cochise	Water Development
Backwards K7 Ranch	51,210.00	Greenlee	Water Development
Broken L Badlands, LLC	36,000.00	Navajo	Water Development
Wildbunch Ranch	50,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development & Fencing
Dagger Springs Ranch	50,000.00	Gila	Water Development
KJ Ranch	50,000.00	Graham	Water Development & Fencing
Canyon Springs & Valentine Ranch	50,000.00	Mohave	Water Development & Fencing
Palmer Farms	50,000.00	Cochise	Water Development & Fencing

Kaler Ranch	50,000.00	Greenlee	Water Development & Fencing
Ranch Name	<b>Award</b>	<b>County</b>	Project Type
Perkins Ranch, Inc	24,725.00	Yavapai	Water Development
JM Ranch, LLC	27,259.98	Coconino	Water Development
Walnut Springs Ranch	12,000.00	Cochise	Erosion Control & Water Development
Tanque Ranch	19,094.00	Graham	Water Development
Poppy Canyon Ranch	48,957.55	Graham	Water Development & Fencing
Price Canyon Ranch	50,000.00	Cochise	Water Development
Orme Ranch, Inc.	41,504.00	Yavapai	Water Development & Fencing
M Triangle Ranch	50,000.00	Graham	Water Development
T4 Ranch	50,000.00	Santa Cruz	Water Development & Fencing
U Lazy E/Mackenzie Ranch	38,200.00	Pima	Water Development
Ash Creek Ranch	50,000.00	Yavapai	Water Development & Fencing
K Cross Cattle Co.	50,000.00	Maricopa	Water Development & Fencing
Johnson Ranch	50,000.00	Gila	Water Development & Fencing
Ash Creek Ranch K Cross Cattle Co.	50,000.00 50,000.00	Yavapai Maricopa	Water Development & Fencing Water Development & Fencing